

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE DESIRE AND INTENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT OF OKEECHOBEE BOULEVARD WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE TOWN FROM FORTY-FIVE (45) MILES PER HOUR; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves has repeatedly expressed its concerns about the safety of users of Okeechobee Boulevards within the Town, as well as drivers who access or cross Okeechobee Boulevard from roadways within the Town; and,

**WHEREAS**, the speed limit on Okeechobee Boulevard has been forty-five (45) miles an hour since prior to the incorporation of the Town; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to reduce the speed limit of Okeechobee Boulevard from its current forty-five (45) miles per hour; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council is aware that the speed limit of Okeechobee Boulevard within Royal Palm Beach, abutting the Town to the east, is thirty-five (35) miles per hour; and,

**WHEREAS**, in order to support a decision to reduce the speed limit of Okeechobee Boulevard from its current forty-five (45) miles an hour, the Town should review residential and business uses of property along and in the vicinity of Okeechobee Boulevard within the Town, as well as complete a study consistent with the standards of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in order to ensure that the change in speed limit along Okeechobee Boulevard within the Town is not arbitrary, and will be consistent with law; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds it in the best interest of the Town to express its desire and intent to reduce the speed limit of Okeechobee Boulevard within the Town from forty-

five (45) miles an hour, and to authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to take actions necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**Section 2.** The Town Council hereby expresses its desire and intent to reduce the speed limit of Okeechobee Boulevard within the municipal limits of the Town from forty-five (45) miles per hour to a lower speed provided by and supported by law.

**Section 3.** The Town Manager and Town Attorney are authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, including without limitation to undertake a review of the residential and business uses along and in the vicinity of Okeechobee Boulevard, have a traffic study completed to confirm an appropriate lower speed limit for Okeechobee Boulevard within the municipal limits of the Town, and to advise Palm Beach County Commissioners, County Administration and County Engineering of the intent of the Town Council with the expectation of their support for the change.

**Section 4.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 5.** If any clause, section, other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.

ATTEST:

Virginia M Walton  
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

[Signature]  
Office of the Town Attorney

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,  
FLORIDA

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